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More than 70 local businesses meet with Homeland Security procurement officials at Lehigh

BETHLEHEM — More than 100 representatives of nearly 70 businesses and organizations attended a seminar on doing business with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), hosted by U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15).

Congressman Dent, a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, and Elaine Duke, DHS Chief Procurement Officer, kicked off the all-day event at Lehigh University's Rauch Business Center.

"Homeland Security is always looking for new technologies and ideas to help secure our ports and borders, respond to disasters, and myriad other functions," Congressman Dent said. "I know I have had many requests from people with ideas and technology who want to reach the department's procurement office. Instead of having them go to Washington, I brought the department here."

Representatives of businesses and institutions met with procurement officials from DHS to learn how to sell their products to or receive funds from the Department. The event included DHS Vendor Outreach Session (VOS), consisting of reserved 15-minute appointments with representatives from various components of the Homeland Security procurement offices.

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